

D-to-M Street track and signal work

The 1.4-mile D-to-M Streets track and signal project built new tracks between East D and South M Streets and installed train signaling systems between Tacoma and Lakewood. A new railroad bridge over Pacific Avenue keeps traffic flowing without interruption from trains crossing overhead. This was the final link for the extension of Sounder commuter rail service to South Tacoma and Lakewood Stations.

The D-to-M Streets project filled less than a half-acre (0.46 acre) of wetlands, streams and buffers. To mitigate these impacts, Sound Transit partnered with Metro Parks Tacoma to build an area in McKinley Park that recreated .45 acre of wetland, created a new stream channel and planted native trees and shrubs.

Mode

Commuter rail

Highlights

Construction completed: 2012

Budget: \$161.6 million

Funding partners: Federal Railway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, WSDOT, BNSF

Planning partners: BNSF, City of Tacoma, Tacoma Rail, WSDOT Rail, the Project Advisory Committee

Consultants & contractors

Environmental review: BERGER/ABAM and Herrera

Preliminary engineering and feasibility studies: HDR

Enhanced preliminary engineering and final design: Parsons Brinckerhoff

Construction: MidMountain Contractors, Inc.

